



Roadrunner

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From your PTA Co-President

Dear Lee Road Families,

Time is a funny thing. We are always in search of it and when we are lucky enough to find it, we never seem to have enough of it! The topic of time has been on my mind during these last few weeks of the school year. I realize now, that these past two years as your Co-President have provided me with an experience that I will never forget. When I was first asked about my interest in being involved in our PTA, I will admit now, that I hesitated. Time was always a major factor in most decisions I faced. The balance of maintaining a family life with our three kids and a sometimes hectic work life was hard enough; the thought of taking on one more commitment was a difficult decision. But I will tell you it was one of the happiest & best decisions I have made.

This letter is my opportunity to take the time to thank all of you, for your support and to say goodbye as I move on to the role of Past President. Thank you to all our Lee Road friends & family that worked on a committee. Because of your gift of time, we were able to provide so many types of activities for all of our children such as: trunk or treating at Halloween; enriching assemblies; awesome parties; dances with a special someone or learning how to do-si-do with a partner; book fair; chances to show their creative side through the PTA Reflections program & Roadrunner articles; enjoy an outdoor movie & dinner night; shop at the holiday boutique and or spring plant sale and so much more. Your contribution of time, regardless of the amount, makes such a tremendous impact on the lives of all our children. I want each parent and family member who took time out of their day to help with a PTA event or activity, to know you have made a difference. I thank you and your children thank you!

In addition to our wonderfully supportive and active parents and families, I have to thank our amazing PTA Executive Board- Donna G, Angela, Linda, Dyanna, Andrea, Laurel, Bridgette, Michelle, Marguerite, Donna H, Julissa, Diana, Sandy, AnnMarie, Valorie and Karen. It has been a true pleasure working with each of you and I have truly enjoyed our spirited e-board meetings. Your support & can-do attitude, along with lots of hugs & laughs, made my time as co-president pass so quickly. You are all so creative & thoughtful and you never lost sight of what is most important- the children. I also want to wish Donna H & Bridgette lots of love & happiness as they move on with their children to Salk.

Our school is truly a special place. We may be small in size but we make up for that in heart! This is where our teachers, Mr. Goss and the Lee Road staff play an outstanding role. Our teachers create such a warm & inviting environment for our children to learn and grow. It is because of their collective heart that our children flourish and succeed. Along with our wonderful teachers and staff, Mr. Goss is such an integral part of our children's development. His concern for the children is always his first priority. I always admire how often I see him in the halls and children are fist bumping him or just going up to him to say hello or tell him some news. He always stops and gives each child his undivided attention. It has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Goss these past two years. I also have to give a special thank you to Mrs. Flanagan. I cannot say enough good things about you. Your warmth & kindness were always a welcome start to my day! Together, our teachers, staff & principal create a positive & caring school environment and I am so grateful for all that they do each and every day!

As it is the month of June, it is time to say Congratulations & Best Wishes to the Lee Road Class of 2016. Saying goodbye is never easy, but we are excited for all of you as you begin the next chapter of your lives at Salk. We wish you well & hope that you will cherish the memories you made at Lee Road.

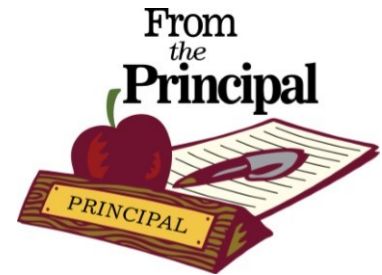
It is now time for me to say Goodbye as Co-President of the Lee Road PTA. I leave you in the very capable hands of Donna Ganiaris. Donna is dedicated to the children of our school and has many wonderful ideas for the year ahead. I will miss our daily texts, emails and calls! It is my pleasure to welcome Dyanna Wunsch as your new incoming Co-President. Dyanna has a big heart and brings so many wonderful qualities with her to the position. Together, Dyanna and Donna will make a wonderful team and I know our school will reap the benefits of this dynamic duo! I wish them happiness on their journey as Co-presidents and encourage them to continue to be advocates for our children.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful PTA. Next year is my thirteenth and final year at Lee Road. I will miss all of the day to activity in the life of a Co-President, but I look forward to enjoying my final year of Fifth Grade at Lee Road. In closing I want to say a special heartfelt thank you to Alan and our three kids. I could not have done this without you!

With Great Thanks
Tara Carr

Principal's Message

As we move towards the end of our school year, it is our hope that all of our youngsters have demonstrated growth on an academic, social, and emotional level. This leads us to ask how can we measure the gains our youngsters have made?



There are several alternatives including the traditional review of data, progress monitoring measures, and assessment scores to track student gains. Another measure is to assess what our youngsters are actually doing in school on a daily basis. For example, during our recent Spring Exhibit, I visited our classrooms and hallways and read samples of our students' written work and came away quite impressed with their ability to grasp the steps used in the writing process. Another opportunity has been provided through my conversations with staff. Recently, I have listened to several instructional staff members marvel at the wonderful progress their youngsters have made in areas where they were experiencing difficulties.

Student social emotional growth is another area where I have been able to view firsthand as I have had the privilege of being able to attend several school events including our Music Concerts, Talent Show, and School Play to name a few. Not only have I been impressed by the quality of our youngsters' performances, but have been equally impressed by the sheer volume of students that have chosen to participate in our school activities, clubs, and extra-curriculars. Without a doubt, these opportunities have helped to nurture our youngsters' talents, enhance their self-confidence, and build leadership skills. Their involvement has also helped to improve their social skills. This has become more evident as several of our more "shy and quiet" youngsters now go out of their way to greet me every morning!

Overall, as a school learning community, we can be proud of the well-rounded education we have provided for our youngsters. In no small part, our success has been driven by the collective efforts of our top notch faculty, parents, and the dedicated members of the Lee Road PTA.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate our graduating fifth graders and thank the Lee Road PTA for all their support this year. A special thanks is extended to our exiting PTA Co- President, Mrs. Tara Carr. Her hard work, positive attitude, and professionalism have made her a true asset to the Lee Road School Learning Community!

Have a happy and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Anthony Goss
Principal

ROLE OF SCHOOL NURSE

The role of school nurse has expanded greatly over the years. However, we are still guided by state mandates and district policies regarding immunizations and health room procedures. I would like to take this opportunity to review some of those guidelines with you.

All children in grades K, 2 and 4 and all new entrants in the district are required to have a physical exam report on file. This can be done by your private physician or the school doctor. All incoming Kindergarten students and new entrants must be fully immunized and provide proof prior to the start of the school year.

NO MEDICATION will be administered in school unless accompanied by a written request from a licensed physician. Medications must be in the original container with the prescription label attached and must be delivered to the health office by an adult.

All students are required to have vision and hearing, and height and weight screenings yearly. Fifth grade students will also be screened for scoliosis (curvature of the spine). You will be notified if any referrals are warranted.

A physician's note is necessary for a child to be excused from physical education or outside recess for more than one day.

We ask that you call the school whenever your child is going to be absent or late.

If your child's health status or the emergency contact information changes during the school year, please let me know immediately, so I can notify you in case of illness.

The school nurse may tend to injuries only for the purpose of providing first aid. It is the parent's responsibility to provide treatment.

Due to the amount of daily visits that are made to the health office on a daily basis, it is extremely difficult to speak with you about every visit your child may make, but be assured that I will contact you when necessary. If you DO wish to be notified whenever your child is seen in the health office, please let me know. I will also notify you in the event that your child begins to frequent the health office more than usual so that we can address the real issues behind the frequent visits.

I want to thank you for your continued help and cooperation throughout the school year and I would like to wish you all a healthy and restful summer vacation.

To my fifth grade students, I wish you all the best as you move on to middle school. You will be greatly missed!

Sincerely,
J Kusky RN

STEAM

SCIENCE · TECHNOLOGY · ENGINEERING · ARTS · MATH

We are excited to share with you our plans to create a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Room here at Lee Road. This space will be a unique area in our school that allows for creativity and innovation to occur. Activities that are STEAM-driven allow the students to think critically and problem solve in ways that deepen their knowledge of subject matter. Students will have the opportunity to engage in “hands-on” learning experiences that involve tinkering, inventing, collaborating, engineering, and sharing.

Ultimately, all classes and all students will have opportunities to utilize this space. While it is a work in progress for now, the goal is to have all students at Lee Road take part in project-based learning opportunities that will correlate with classroom curriculum. This will be an ongoing and continuous endeavor, and we anticipate the opportunities to grow over the next few years.

Here’s how you can help:

- Donate supplies needed to the STEAM Room
- Share with us any websites/resources for activities
- Volunteer some time to help the STEAM initiative

John Towers

Assistant Director of Mathematics/Business

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STAFF THANK YOU



A Thank You from the Lee Road Staff:

"Thank you for such a beautiful lunchtime celebration for Staff Appreciation Day! The food was outstanding and the decorations looked great!"

"Thank you so much for the beautiful luncheon you provided for the teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day."

"The luncheon was incredible as always- every last morsel and every last detail!"

"Your kindness and consideration are very much appreciated and help to make our school a special place. "

"Thank you so much for that delicious lunch. Everything was amazing! As usual, everything you do for us is so appreciated. "

"The generosity of our Lee Road PTA is appreciated. "

"Thank you so much for the beautiful lunch you prepared for the staff. The attention to detail was incredible and the food was delicious. "

"As always, I consider myself so fortunate to be a part of our Lee Road Family. Thank you for all that you do!"

"Thank you so much for the amazing staff appreciation luncheon. I just loved the way you transformed the faculty room into a flower garden"

On Friday May 13 some brave Lee Road students and their families attended the Long Island Ducks Game. The cold and rainy night didn't stop these families from watching the Long Island Ducks beat the



Maryland Blue Crabs. Lee Road students' Ducks themed artwork was displayed on the stadium bulletin board. At the game, it was announced that Mikaela DiNordia won the art contest and she has received 2 tickets to a game over the summer. A good time was had by all in attendance!



Terrific Kids



Terrific Kids is a student-recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. "Terrific" is an acronym

for **Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive** and **Capable**.

Students work with their classroom teacher to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or school work. All students who achieve their goals after a specified time are recognized as Terrific Kids!



Membership End of Year 2015-2016 School Year

Thank you to all the families and staff who joined our Lee Road PTA for the 2015-2016 school year.

We have 249 paid members.

77 family memberships (154 parents)

65 individual

30 faculty members

Of the 249 members, 80 are male. (32%)

We have applied for the following awards based on these supporters:

* 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

* Men Matter Award: At least 30% of our members must be male—we finished with 80 men or 32% of our total

We encourage our Lee Road families and staff to continue to support the PTA through membership as well as participating in the many activities and events we provide throughout the year. I look forward to your continued support and look forward to expanding our membership to encourage other family members to join as well. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, care-takers...all are welcome to join. I look forward to another exciting year as VP of membership and meeting you all. Come visit me at the next PTA meeting!

Linda Viviano
 Vice President of Membership

Co-Presidents	<i>Tara Carr</i>	4th VP Historian	<i>Andrea Tantillo</i>
	<i>Donna Ganiaris</i>	Recording Secretary	<i>Laurel Fanning</i>
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3rd VP Committees	<i>Dyanna Wunsch</i>	Past President	<i>Marguerite Lieb</i>

Delegates: *Donna Hoesten, Julissa Zambrano, Diana Murphy, Sandy Criscione, AnnMarie Raia, Valorie Mancuso-Bove, Karen Romanelli*

Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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