



# Lee Road PTA, Wantagh, NY

# Roadrunner

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## From your PTA Co-President, Leslie...

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Soon we'll all be enjoying the lazy days of summer. It will be mixed emotions for me though - I will welcome the time with my family but I will also acknowledge the close of my two years as PTA Co-President. It has truly been my privilege to hold this position. I have really enjoyed watching our children learn and grow while having the opportunity to continually advocate on behalf of them. I was able to work directly with MANY wonderful parents and faculty from our Lee Road Elementary School to accomplish that goal. I have definitely learned A LOT. I couldn't have done it without you - THANK YOU for your support!

I would like to recognize the tireless efforts of the PTA Executive Committee as well as the various PTA Committee chairpersons and volunteers for making this year another successful one! It has been noted by many that we have a **VERY** involved PTA! I already knew it - we are a **GREAT** team! KUDOS to you though! Your time and contributions did not go unnoticed and were **MUCH** appreciated! You are the **BEST** volunteers and certainly made a difference for our children! **EVERY** role was an important one. You always made leading this PTA a **FUN** and easy 'job'! :)

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Mr. Goss separately. It has really been a pleasure to work with him. He is clearly dedicated to our children and his flexibility and support of the PTA was invaluable! His leadership - along with the commitment of his staff - continue to enhance the experiences of our children daily!

I want to wish Co-President Roma Nowak the best of luck as she returns to lead our PTA unit and I am pleased to welcome back Margaret Costa into that familiar role. I know they're both excited about the opportunities ahead and their experience will serve us well during the 2012 - 2013 school year! I am looking forward to my role as well - continuing to volunteer and support the PTA through various committees.

Lastly - I would like to say 'CONGRATULATIONS' to the class of 2012! You've been a special part of the Lee Road community for a long time - we'll miss you [as well as your families]! I wish you LOTS of luck and happiness always - hope you enjoy your next step - Middle School! For all those students and families returning to Lee Road Elementary - see you in the Fall!!

Leslie Cassidy - Co-President

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**“No significant learning occurs without significant relationship” - James Comer**

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, we are in the throes of another terrific year of learning and growth at Lee Road School. Our success can be directly attributed to our active engagement as a true School Learning Community. Specifically, it is our connectedness among all stakeholders and sense of shared vision that have allowed us to achieve continuous school improvement.

As mentioned in my last Road Runner message, our teachers continue to work towards mastering the newly adopted Common Core Learning Standards. The standards are college and career ready and will help our youngsters successfully participate in an increasingly connected world. Next year, we are adopting our EnVision Math program across all grade levels. The program is aligned with the CCLS across all grade levels. Some of you may have attended our recent PTA Workshop that provided an overview of the standards. Not to worry if you did not, as we will hold a similar parent workshop in the fall.

The website engageny.org is a fine resource that provides a grade by grade overview of the standards.

As the weather improves and we tend to focus on the coming summer, I am asking that all parents and guardians take a moment to reinforce our school behavioral guidelines with your youngster(s), until the very last day of school. There are a number of fun and exciting events and activities that will take place but, more importantly, there is a lot of learning too. It is my expectation that all students will try to be the best they can be at all times. I thank you for your assistance with this.

Finally, I would like congratulate our outstanding graduating fifth grade class and thank our outgoing PTA Co-President Mrs. Leslie Cassidy for her excellent leadership and service to our school community.

Sincerely,

Anthony Goss - Principal

## Important Message

Our youngsters here at Lee Road have made great strides in their learning. The momentum gained should not end abruptly as the summer approaches. It is important that each of our children continue to sharpen their skills over the summer, paying particular attention to reading and writing with your child. The Levittown library is a great resource right in our own backyard. A representative will be visiting our school and speak to our students about their summer program and literature will be coming home in the near future. As an additional resource, below you will find a list of literacy and mathematics based educational websites that will benefit your youngster.

Finally, **PARENTS** serve as the greatest **ROLE MODELS!** Reading with your child, taking interest in their reading, or having a book discussion are all excellent ways to let your child know that **READING IS IMPORTANT!**

**Starfall.com**

**TumbleBooks.com**

**<http://www.funbrain.com/funbrain/math/>**

**<http://funschool.kaboose.com/index.html>**

**<http://www.kidsclick.org/>**

**[www.abcyaya.com](http://www.abcyaya.com)**

**[www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)**

**LearningAtoZ.com**

**<http://www.factmonster.com>**

**<http://www.edu4kids.com/math/>**

**<http://www.homeworkspot.com/>**

**[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)**

**[www.vocabularyworkshop.com](http://www.vocabularyworkshop.com)**

# From the School Nurse

Lee Road Elementary School



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From the school nurse...

Dear Parents,

It's so hard to believe that another school year has gone by so quickly and summer vacation will be right around the corner! I would like to thank you for all your help and cooperation throughout the year. I hope the summer brings you some much needed time for rest and relaxation.

Here are just a few reminders for September. Please take a moment to read them.

1. All students entering Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades in September must submit a physical examination report prior to October 1st. Please schedule Doctor's appointments to comply with District policy. Physical and dental forms will be sent home with Report Cards.
2. All medication, prescription as well as over-the-counter, given during school hours must be accompanied by a written doctor's Order as well as a permission slip signed by a parent. All medication must be brought in by a parent in the original container.  
**NO MEDICATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S ORDER**  
as mandated by New York State. This is imperative and will be enforced for the protection of all our students.
3. All medication left in the health office at the end of each school year will be discarded on the last day of school unless picked up by a parent. It cannot be stored year to year.
4. Students entering 6th grade and are 11 years old must show proof of receiving the Tdap or Boostrix vaccine prior to entering middle school in September.

Last, but not least, I would like to wish all of our 5th grade students Good Luck and Best Wishes as they leave Lee Road and move on to Salk Middle School. You will all be missed and remembered fondly. I know you will do well in all your future endeavors.

Have a happy, healthy and enjoyable summer!!!

Sincerely,

Joanne Kusky, RN



## FUNDRAISING

Wow! This past year has been hugely successful on the fundraising front and our fundraising efforts have exceeded expectations. The children of Lee Road are fortunate to have the support of a wonderful community of families. Our fundraising efforts afford the Lee Road PTA the opportunity to provide many wonderful programs that directly benefit our children including numerous cultural arts assemblies, several family fun events, as well as receiving field day t-shirts.

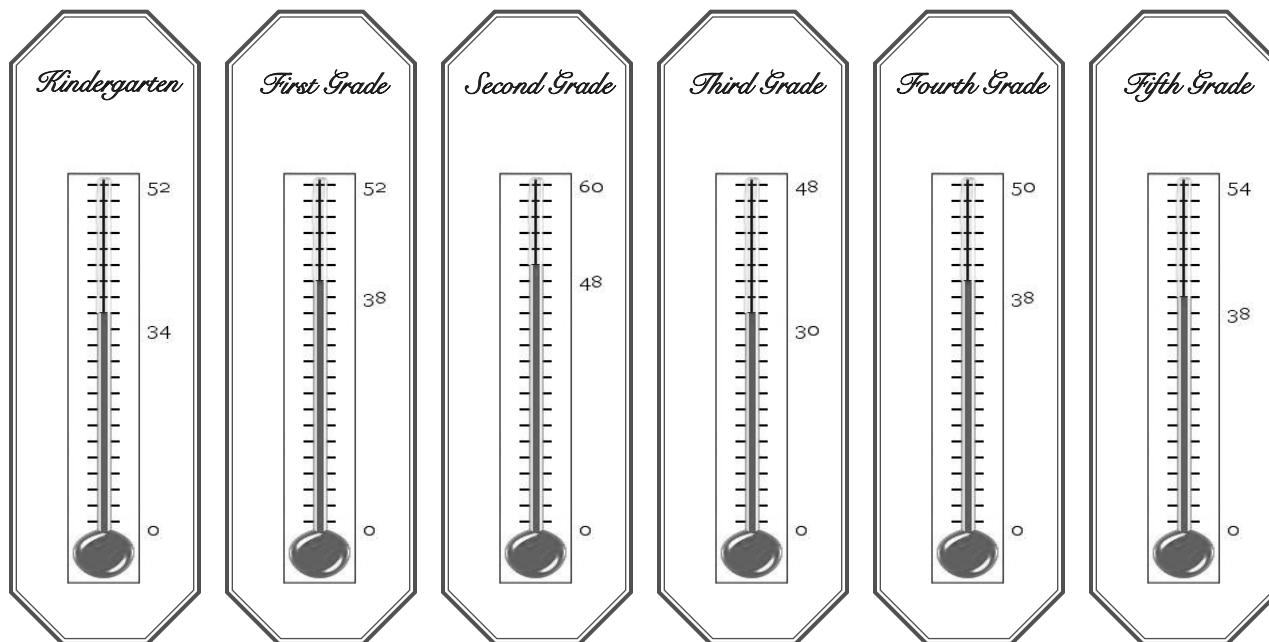
Some of our fundraisers are held at just one time during the year, while others are recurring. Some of them raise thousands of dollars while others raise hundreds. All of them enable the PTA to enrich our children's experience at Lee Road School. The fundraisers would not have been possible without the time and effort put in by our various chairs and committee volunteers. Included in our fundraisers this year were the Bake Sale (\$267), Book Fair (\$1,269), BJ's (\$160) Box Tops (\$710), Funding Factory (\$375\*), KidStuff (\$2,263), Lee Road Apparel (\$200\*), Plant Sale (\$675\*), Prestige (\$3,882) and our Spring Auction (\$8,211). \*estimated amount

Thank you all for everything you have done to support our children. Have a wonderful summer - and don't forget to keep saving those old cell phones and ink cartridges and continue to keep on clipping those Box Tops and Labels for Education!

Helen Travers - First Vice President - Fundraising

## PTA MEMBERSHIP

Valerie Davie - Second Vice President



THANKS

To a Special Volunteer  
 --(Author Unknown)

Sometimes we seem so lucky,  
 Or maybe we're just blessed,  
 When there seems to be too much to do -  
 Along comes a volunteer like you!

THANK  
 YOU!!

THANKS

You've made our days much brighter,  
 Our work a joy to share,  
 We know we'll always make it through -  
 As long as there's a volunteer like you!

THANKS

THANK  
 YOU!!

THANKS

*A special thanks to all those who volunteered this year!!  
 Kim Aquilino - Third Vice President - Committees*

Alison Speranza  
 Andrea Clarkson  
 Andrea Dempsey  
 Andrea Tantillo  
 Angela Mumolo  
 Angela Weber  
 Ann Connelly  
 Anna Cassese  
 Beth Mooney  
 Betty Mullane  
 Bridgette Hogan  
 Carolyn Szydlowski  
 Cheryl Iannacone  
 Cheryl Johnson  
 Cindy Larkin  
 Connie Irving  
 Danielle Hamilton  
 Danielle Varga  
 Deana Michielini  
 Denise Mejia  
 Denise Parrish  
 Diane Byrnes  
 Diane Stephan  
 Dina DePace  
 Donna Ganiaris

Donna Hoesten  
 Eric Hegdahl  
 Filomena Mazzeo  
 Fran Andino  
 Gerard Del Grosso  
 Gina Muckle  
 Gina Portello  
 Helen Travers  
 Jackie Butler  
 Jaclyn Mulieri  
 Jeanette Schmidt  
 Jeannie Del Grosso  
 Joann Merendino  
 Joann Pizzaia  
 Josine Davis  
 Julissa Zambrano  
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 Kathleen Grandon  
 Kathy Hegdahl  
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 Kim Aquilino  
 Kim Lopes  
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 Laura Livanos

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 Lauren Brunn  
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 Linda Biley  
 Linda Parascondola  
 Linda Ramirez  
 Lisa Field  
 Lisa Jimenez  
 Lisa Tagliabue  
 Lori Pereira  
 Lori Shapiro  
 Lorraine Bernauer  
 Lucia Bianco  
 Lucia Genna  
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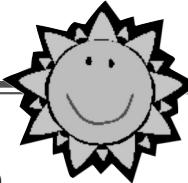
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 Michelle Iannuzzi  
 Monica Steiner  
 Nella Profitta  
 Pam Sharp  
 Pam Sweeney  
 Patricia Tolve  
 Roma Nowak  
 Sandra Duffy  
 Susan Vartoukian  
 Tara Carr  
 Tara O'Donnell  
 Teresa Budek  
 Tracy Ehrlich  
 Tracy Dell'Italia  
 Tracy Ehrlich  
 Tricia Tolve  
 Valerie Davie

I can't wait for summer because...

I am going to Rome and Capri in Italy! My uncle Rob lives there so he will be our tour guide. He will show us The Spanish Steps, The Colosseum, The Vatican and all the other beautiful history there. I also can't wait to take the ferry to Capri. When I go there I am hoping to learn Italian. I can't wait for summer!

By: Jessica Pardi

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Napoli



I love the beach, I am not going to camp and I am going to Italy on my summer vacation. I am so excited and I can't wait to try their pizza.

By: Joseph Pardi

Second Grade - Mrs. Wolin

My family and I can all go in the pool. I love to go on my trampoline in the summer. I also like to play with my cousins. I think summer is the best season!

By: Ricky Jimenez  
Second Grade - Mrs. Dillon

There is NO SCHOOL!

I can swim in a swimming pool!

I can wear shorts!

I can stay up longer!

I can stay outside more!

I can collect fireflies!

I can hang out at Jones Beach!

I LOVE SUMMER!

By: Louie Lazzarini  
First Grade - Mrs. McCarty

Salvatore Lassese MRS. McCARTY  
I can't wait for summer because I love to play in my pool. I also like to go to the beach and play in the sand. I like to play outside with my friends and ride my bike. The best part of the summer is my birthday! My birthday is on July 12th. I always have a big fun party!! I can't wait!



I can't wait for summer because...(cont...)



An acrostic poem for the word

SUMMER

School's out  
Unforgettable times  
Making memories  
Missing friends  
Enjoying the sun  
Relaxing

By Tiffany Pereira  
Second Grade - Mrs. email

If I was a Monkey

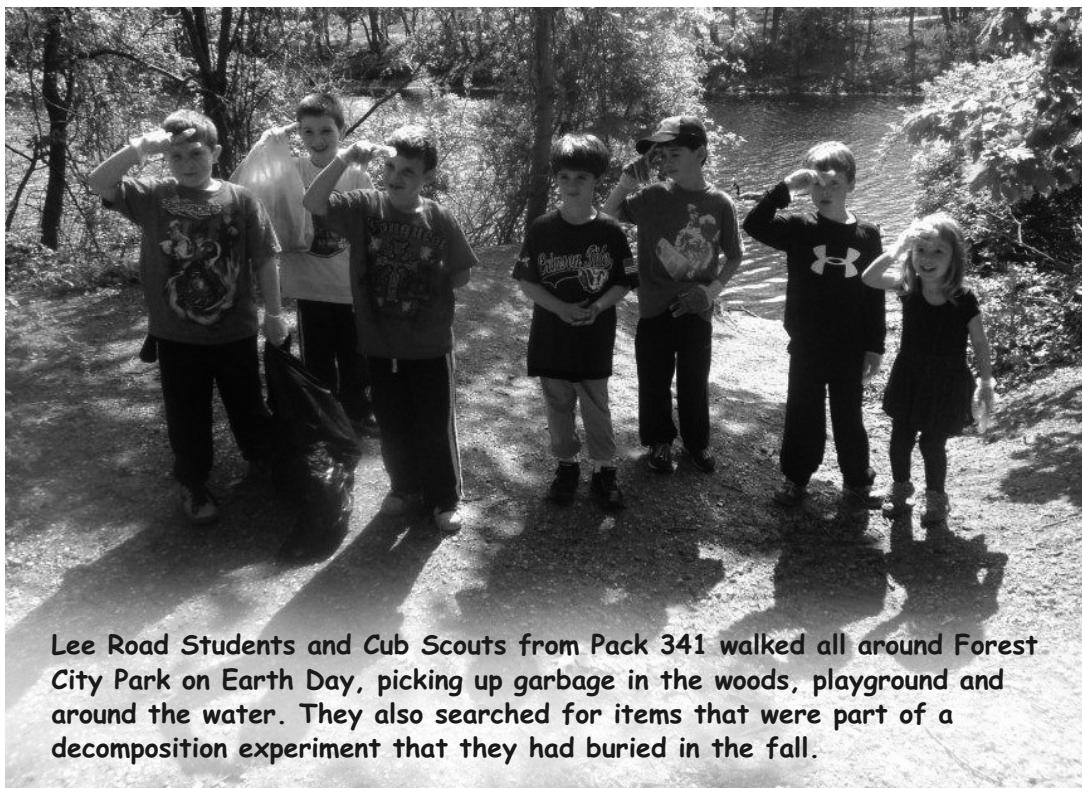
If I was a monkey,  
I would eat bananas  
and hang out in the trees every day.  
Every day I'd do my job and be like a monkey  
But...  
I'm glad that I'm me!!

By: Cavan Gormsen  
First Grade - Mrs. Cacamis

My Family

I Love my family!  
They are so nice to me.  
I Love them. They love me.

By: Kelly O'Leary  
First Grade - Mrs. Cacamis



Lee Road Students and Cub Scouts from Pack 341 walked all around Forest City Park on Earth Day, picking up garbage in the woods, playground and around the water. They also searched for items that were part of a decomposition experiment that they had buried in the fall.

To: Lee Road Families  
From: The Lee Road Community Service Committee  
Subject: Thank you for all of your support this year!!  
Together we collected...  
food for Bobbi and The Strays animal shelter,  
coats for the needy,  
food for Long Island Cares,  
toys for John Thessein,  
supplies for the military  
PJ's & books for children  
Halloween candy for military  
Made valentines for our local veterans  
And raised a total \$1780 for March of Dimes,  
We may be a small school but we have BIG HEARTS!! Thank you!!!



Eileen Vogel  
5th grade teacher  
Lee Road Elementary School

# A Special Good Bye...

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It's time to say, "Goodbye."

Our days at Lee Road have come to an end.

Our family has made many cherished memories

And all of us have made lifelong friends.

We've watched all of the children learn and grow

And become amazing young people at the end of the day.

As we look back at our years and all the things we've done

We hope that we have made an impact, in some small way.

So after 12 years of happy memories

The Dempseys take our final steps out of Lee Road's door,

We wish peace, love, and patience to the faculty and staff

And a bright, beautiful, successful future to the 2012 grads ... and many more!!

Andrea Dempsey

## Congratulations to the Lee Road 2012 Graduates

### Leebok 2012

We can't believe how time has passed. The memories we made have been a BLAST!

#### The Class of 2012 likes this

Nikki Bernauer	Isabel Jaime	Nick Portello
Kaylee Boerner	Alice Johnson	Maheer Quasem
Julia Butler	Kathryn Jones	Nicholas Ramirez
Doriania Cardon	Maddie Ledee	Greg Roa
Emilio Ciccotelli	Gwendeline Marone	Jarrett Ross
Matthew Connelly	George Mavrommatis	Samuel Ruiz
Kristina Coppola	Robert Mayer	Jenna Russo
John Costa	Ali Merali	Caysie K. Schrader
Matt Cummings	Kathryn Mercaldo	Yolanda Scurto
Marisa D'Angelo	Nick Merendino	Amanda Silberberg
Nikolette Dempsey	Devin Mickity	Brandon Stake
Lisa Fabig	Grace Miller	Eric Szydłowski
Nicole Fioretti	Megan Monniello	Chris Thumser
Joe Gagnon	Kristina Muckle	Jess Tolve
Zachary Galella	Jennifer Mullane	Isabella Vasile-Cozzo
Shannon Haller	Benjamin Neches	Nicole Weber
Ruby Hogan	Yasmine Obie	Patrick Wiemann
Chris Irving	Jessica Pardi	Matt Zito

#### Upcoming Events (5)

- Mangoes
- Greenkill
- Picnic
- Luau
- Moving Up

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The Lee Road Community Service Committee honored the following students with the Hero Award:

**5th Grade**

**Kristina Muckle**  
**Doriana Cardon**

**2nd Grade**

**Michael DePace**

Thank You to all  
our Dear time participants.

It was another sucessful year.

Keep Reading!

Have a good summer!

Dear time co-chairpersons  
Diane Byrnes and  
Jackie Butler

## Allison Sciubba Memorial Award Winners

announced at General Douglas MacArthur High School Senior Awards Night on June 7

The Allison Sciubba Memorial Award was established by the Lee Road PTA in 1998 as a special way to commemorate the beautiful life of a Lee Road student who lost her life to cancer at the age of five.

The Lee Road PTA provides a monetary award(s) each year to a graduating senior(s) from General Douglas MacArthur High School, who attended Lee Road Elementary School accurately completed the application process and submitted a winning essay on what friendships at Lee Road have meant to them over the years.

This year two recipients were selected and presented with certificates as well as checks for \$250 each which must be used towards college expenses.

The award committee is proud to announce Colleen Bradley and Lauren Saunders as winners of the 2012 Allison Sciubba Memorial Award.

Congratulations to Colleen and Lauren!

Exercise your Body and Train your Mind

Submitted by : Mrs. Coté, Special Education Teacher

Summer time is time to learn what you want. So, set goals. The earlier you encourage your children to think about what they are trying to achieve, both at home and at school, the better. And the process of writing out their goals can help enormously.

Have your children set one or two attainable goals for the summer and write them clearly in a place that they will see every day. Discuss with your child the steps needed to achieve the goals. Most likely one step will be to practice. If it is doing a somersault, learning to juggle, being a better listener, whatever it is - you need to practice; so set time aside every day and practice your skill. Remember -  
practice makes perfect, but you need perfect practice.

You should write your goal in very simple and specific terms. Ex. I will jump rope 20 times. Or, I will read a chapter book in a week, or in a month. Or, I will write a 50 word journal entry 3 times (or 5 times) a week.

Enjoy your summer! Enjoy learning something new!



Instrumental Music Registration for the 2012-2013 School year  
by: Mrs Spera, Instrumental Music Teacher

Are you in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Grade?  
Do you enjoy music?  
Would you like to play a musical instrument?  
Well, here's your chance!!!



Instrumental music registration for the 2012-2013 school year is now open! Here at Lee Road, our third, fourth and fifth graders are given the opportunity to enhance their overall education by playing a musical instrument. They receive one lesson per week during school and, when proficient enough, may participate in either the band or the string ensemble. Playing a musical instrument is an incredibly rewarding experience and we are looking forward to working with your child to help him/her find enjoyment, fulfillment, and a great sense of accomplishment through instrumental music!

New and continuing students should return their registration forms to Mrs. Spera by Thursday, May 31, 2012. If you have any questions, would like to see the instruments in person, need another registration packet, or just want to drop by...

Mrs. Spera's door is always open! :)

# From your PTA Co-President, Roma...

We're reaching the end of yet another successful year here at Lee Road, and I look back proudly at how much we have accomplished – **WOW!!** ... Spring Auction, Book Fair, KidStuff coupon books, Prestige Gift Catalogs, Membership dues, Plant Sale, to just name a few.

It's heartwarming to see the huge amount of involvement, contributions, and support from all of the parents/volunteers, teachers, and staff in our school – **THANK YOU!!** We have a great reputation in our community, and it's something to be **VERY** proud of – that all of our hard work is recognized, and most importantly, pays off! Your continued involvement and support is vital each year though, so that we can continue with the traditions which have made our school so special and successful.

Thank you to Mr. Goss, the Lee Road Staff, and to the entire Executive Committee for your flexibility, commitment, and dedication throughout the year!

I'd also like to send a sincere thank you to Leslie Cassidy for her tireless drive and contributions, and for her wisdom and expertise. Also for her mentoring, through which I have gained an enormous amount of 'PTA know-how' this year! I will use that to continue those customs that have made our school PTA so successful. You've earned a well-deserved break, so I hope you can take it a bit easy this summer!

I also welcome back into the Co-President role, Margaret Costa, whose involvement is never-ending, and so I look forward to teaming up with you!

I am very excited to welcome the newest members of our Executive Committee – together we will continue to reinforce everything that our Lee Road PTA stands for, and has to offer for our children!

Good Luck to our 5th grade students and parents as you embark on the next leg of your journey!  
And a happy and healthy summer to everyone – see you in September!---

Roma Nowak

The Lee Road PTA would like to wish everyone  
a happy and healthy summer break!! We'll see you in the fall.

## June Dates to Remember...

June 8 – 5th grade Luau	June 21 – Pasta Night
June 9 – Adult's Bowling night out	June 22 – Last day of school
June 12 – Spring Concert	for students!
June 13 – Field day (rain date June 15)	
June 14 – PTA Installation Dinner	Have a Great Summer!!
June 20 – 5th grade Moving up day	