



# Lion Tails

## Littlewood Elementary PTA Newsletter

The Information Source for Littlewood Families & Friends

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### PTA Meetings:

The LITTLEWOOD PTA meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 in the Media Center. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**09/08/08**  
**10/13/08**  
**11/13/08(\*Thu\*)**  
**01/12/09**  
**02/09/09**  
**03/09/09**  
**04/13/09**  
**05/11/09**

Membership Dues:  
\$10

To receive email reminders of meeting dates and volunteer opportunities, email Amy Vollmer at: [Vollmerfl@yahoo.com](mailto:Vollmerfl@yahoo.com)

### President's Message:

Hi and Welcome! We are so excited to begin another year at Littlewood. We know that this is an exciting time for both you and your children. As the PTA president, I want to encourage you to join the PTA. Your membership provides money for PTA as well as allows you a vote on the PTA annual budget. I also want to encourage you to participate in the many events PTA hosts throughout the year such as the upcoming "Movie Night" and "PTA Family Night". Our goal is to maintain a sense of community among the families of Littlewood in hopes that all people feel included. Please know that you are always welcome at our PTA meetings and we welcome all volunteers in whatever capacity (see the membership form for volunteer opportunities). I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Amy Vollmer

### What's Carnival?

Carnival is one our biggest fund raisers. This year on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> expect a fun filled day of old-fashioned carnival games, food, friendship and prizes, including our wonderful Gift Baskets. Each class puts together a themed basket of donated items we then raffle off. A lot of behind the scene action and focus takes place to pull off a successful event.



### Dates to Remember:

August 29	Friday	Gift Wrap Sales Begin
September 1	Monday	No School Labor Day Holiday
September 5	Friday	Movie Night
September 8	Monday	Morning Mile Begins 7:15am
September 9	Tuesday	Room Representative Meeting
September 23	Tuesday	PTA Family Night 5:30pm
September 29	Monday	Gift Wrap Sales Begin
October 18	Saturday	Fall Carnival
February 21	Saturday	Five Points Kid's Marathon



**About Us:**

Did you know by the end of last year we were a school with 630 students?

**School Mascot:**

LION

**School Colors:**

GREEN & WHITE

**Spirit Day:**

WEDNESDAY

Wear your green!

**Morning Mile****Last Year's School wide****Results:**

392 runners

7,490 miles

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## So you're Room Rep. Now what?

Relax! This is going to be fun. Littlewood room reps. act as a go between teachers-parents and PTA - parents. Now is the time to collect phone numbers and/or emails as you will soon need to get information out to your room. The fall is typically very busy until Thanksgiving and then tapers off.

With Carnival just around the corner start thinking about what your room might like to do for the class basket. First room rep meeting is Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>. For more info on being a room rep, contact Lori Rossi-Barrett at [rossi\\_barrett@cox.net](mailto:rossi_barrett@cox.net)

## Five Points of Life Kids Marathon - February 21<sup>st</sup>

Registration is FREE before November 1<sup>st</sup> at: <http://www.fivepointsoflife.org/>. The school with the best participation gets a cash prize.

Children need to complete 25 miles of running or walking beforehand, and Morning Miles count. Print the log sheet from the website, and bring it the day of the Marathon. That day, the kids will run the last 1.2 miles of the marathon to receive a t-shirt and a really nice medal.

## Morning Mile Update

In just a few short weeks Littlewood's morning mile is set to start - a voluntary, non-competitive program for all students and their families. There is a 1/5 mile course west of the cafeteria students can run or walk on. The course opens at 7:15 and closes at 7:30.

Parent volunteers record student laps and track them for the year. Last year students traveled over 7 thousand miles. A map in the cafeteria tracked the miles and ultimately landed in Alaska!

When a student reaches 5 miles a sneaker with their name is placed on the cafeteria wall. The sneaker travels as the student runs further. Can you believe last year we had sneakers over the 175 mile marker? We would love to see new faces this year and the regulars. Parents are you going to be on campus anyway?

Come walk, run, cheer or help record some laps - we would love to see you there.



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Check out Littlewood's Web Site:

[www.sbac.edu/~littlewood](http://www.sbac.edu/~littlewood)

Phone Numbers:

EDEP – 955-6990

Café – 955-6732

Phone 955-6712

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PTA Contact List:

## Box Tops For Education

We collect Box Tops all year and have class contests twice a year. It is never a bad time to send them in. All you need to do is clip them off the products you use every day and send them in. Each Box Top redeemed is worth 10 cents. They all add up so keep clipping and sending them in.

Please keep in mind that Boxtops® cannot be submitted if they are expired or have the expiration mark removed. To find out more information about how you can help Littlewood through Box Tops for Education and for a list of participating products go to [www.boxtops4education](http://www.boxtops4education) or email Connie Burton at [gatorburton@gru.net](mailto:gatorburton@gru.net)

## Fund Raising

State funds are not enough to cover all the needs of the school. Fund raising is necessary to fill in this gap, and allows for all the nice extras that make Littlewood such a welcoming school.

Our two biggest fund raisers come early in the school year: Gift Wrap sales and Fall Carnival. Other fund raisers include collecting Boxtops, sales of Spiritwear shirts, car magnets, yearbooks, and coupon books.

Funds raised are used for: Computer Aide salary; Lion's Pride Tutoring; Teacher Appreciation Week; Hospitality for special events; Morning Mile; Greenhouse, Computer Server, Smartboards.

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**Florida PTA Vision:**

- ⌘ Making every child's potential a reality.

**Florida PTA Mission:**

- ⌘ A powerful voice for all children
- ⌘ ;A relevant source for families and communities, and
- ⌘ A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

**Florida PTA Purpose:**

- ⌘ To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- ⌘ To raise the standards of home life.
- ⌘ To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- ⌘ To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- ⌘ To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

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## Friends of the Library:

What is AR (accelerated reader) and how do you get AR points? What is this new program SSYRA (Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program)? Why do we have a book fair?

If you have any interest in Littlewood's Media Center then this might be a group for you. Littlewood's Friends of the Library coordinate Book Fair, assist with shelving of books, and this year will assist with a new program for 3 -5 graders. Look for our first meeting date.

## Cricket in the Café



Student lunches will cost \$2.00 this year. To get instructions on how to set up a cafeteria account, call 800-479-3531 or go to [www.myLunchMoney.com](http://www.myLunchMoney.com). If you have questions, contact the cafeteria manager, Cricket Adkins: [adkinscp@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:adkinscp@gm.sbac.edu). Lunch menus are sent home with the school newsletter, Lion's Roar, once a month.

## How to help your Child

- Set earlier bedtimes each day until school starts (including weekends)
- Reduce time with electronics (TV, computers, video games, cell phones)
- Remove electronics from children's bedrooms at bedtime
- Set quiet times for all family members: read, draw, write
- Design a specific place with your child to do homework
- Ask each evening for notes from school – a Lions' Roar comes home each Friday
- Ask to see your child's planner (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) or homework assignments (all )
- Continue reading to your child every night through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, at least
- Ensure your child has home responsibilities and carries through with them
- Have family meetings to make decisions such as; family outings, menus, recreation
- Make reading, writing and math meaningful activities through list making
- I'm looking forward to meeting new friends; welcoming back returning families.

Reach me Beth Dovell, Guidance Counselor, at 955-6712 or at [dovellb@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:dovellb@gm.sbac.edu)

The end...

