



## PTA Executive Board

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## School Schedule

**Regular Session** -  
8:30 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
**Single Session** -  
8:15 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.  
**Delayed Opening** -  
9:50 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
**Lunch** -  
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

## School Information

Absence Line: 709-6748  
Nurse Damm: 709-8030

Lunch Tickets are sold every  
Wednesday  
Weekly -5 tkts/\$11.00  
Bi-Weekly -10 tkts/\$22.00  
Monthly-20 tkts/\$44.00

## Principal's News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

American Education Week was the highlight of last month and it was our pleasure to have so many of our parents visit the classrooms and attend our PTA Meeting, Mix-It-Up at Lunch and Children's Voting activities.

December will prove to be another busy month here at Livingston Avenue School. In addition to all of the wonderful endeavors our PTA has planned, we have quite a few plans in the works for our staff and students. With report cards behind us and the start of a new marking period, your child has a "fresh start" to work hard and achieve at his/her highest potential. Please sign your child's homework book nightly after checking that s/he has completed each assignment. Also, reach out to your child's teacher whenever you have a question or concern about an assignment or upcoming assessment. They are here to help your child succeed.

Our character education efforts will focus on kindness and caring. In addition to classroom lessons, we will also enjoy a school-wide read aloud. The month will conclude with holiday concerts by our band, chorus and orchestra groups led by our talented music staff. In January I will share more with you on a multi-year plan to further develop healthy habits in our students, including being proactive, beginning a task with the end in mind and putting first things first. I will ask for your support and assistance as we begin this journey together.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our holiday concert here on the evening of December 15<sup>th</sup>. In closing, I wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

Fondly,

*Dineen Seeley*

## Yearbook Pictures Needed!

Production is already underway for 2011-2012 Yearbook, but we need your help filling it with live-action shots of the children during their activities starting with pictures from "The First Day." You can easily upload pictures yourself to the LAS School Annual web site. Just follow these simple steps:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400114026 and password: LAS
- Browse to select the photo(s) you want to upload.
- Enter details about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details."

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! Please contact me at [bettvy@msn.com](mailto:bettvy@msn.com) if you have any questions.



## From the PTA President...

### Upcoming Events

#### DECEMBER 2011

- ◆ Holiday Boutique 12/2
- ◆ CBOE Meeting at 8:00pm 12/12
- ◆ Winter Concert Rehearsal 12/13
- ◆ Winter Concert at 7:00pm 12/15
- ◆ Progress Reports 12/16
- ◆ Holiday Assembly 12/23
- ◆ Single Session 12/23
- ◆ School Closed 12/26-12/30

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!***

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that December is here already! The LAS Students will be kept very busy this month, starting with the much loved Holiday Boutique on Friday, December 2nd. Items and volunteers are still being accepted in order to make this day a success!! We offer a few suggestions to make the day run smoothly for all.....first send your child's money in an envelope marked with a list of who they should purchase gifts for and send your child in with a bag with handles (department store bags are perfect) to carry their purchases home!

Keeping with the Holiday Spirit, and giving back to others, we urge you all to take part in our Annual Candy Cane-O-Gram for Helping Hands! A Helping Hands account, to help assist LAS Families who may need a "Helping Hand" either around the expensive holiday time or any other time throughout the year was formed several years ago by the LAS PTA. To replenish this account, we hold our Candy Cane-O-Grams Sale each Holiday Season. Students, parents, and teachers can send candy canes to each other while helping out our LAS Families who may need assistance. Please see the Candy Cane-O-Gram blurb which explains in further detail in this Newsletter!

Lastly, we ask you all to come out and support our students at our Winter Concert on December 15th at 7pm. Our students have been practicing very hard for this show, and you are sure to be impressed!

#### 2010-2011 Superintendent Meetings with Dr. Carrick

Oct 11th	OAS
Nov. 7th	CHS
Jan. 3rd	BAS
Feb. 7th	WAS
Mar. 6th	LAS
Apr. 3rd	BPS
May 8th	HAS

We wish each and every one of our LAS Students and their families a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year!

Susan Fichiera  
LAS PTA President



### It's Here!! Sending Home A List, So Check It Twice...

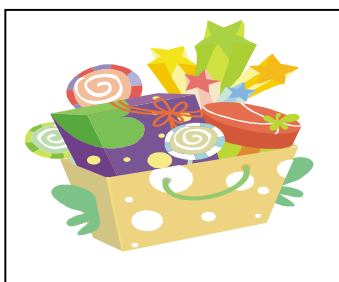
Holiday Boutique is this Friday, Dec.2nd from 9 to 3:30.

It's everyone's chance to get presents for everyone on their list!  
Please send your child in with their money, list and a shopping bag on Friday.

Thank you for all your support of this wonderful and fun event! Have fun shopping!

Happy Holidays,

**Gretchen O'Shea, Sheila Scheurer, Vicki Spurr and Maura McGovern**



### Our 1<sup>st</sup> Basket Raffle Winner Is...

Congratulations to **Maggie Garcia** in **3M** for winning our 1<sup>st</sup> basket raffle, full of "Fall" fun items!

A big Thank You to all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade families that contributed to this fun fundraiser. With your donations and ticket sales, the PTA raised \$360.

Stay tuned for our next raffle - donations from the 4<sup>th</sup> graders start next month, with the drawing to be held in February.

Maria Baumann & Amy Burns, Chairs

### Candy Cane-O-Gram



Our Annual Helping Hands Drive (Candy Cane-O-Grams) is about to start. Our Helping Hands Account was started four years ago by the LAS PTA to assist students and their families who may be struggling during this very costly time of year, as well as throughout the year. Students, Teachers and Parents can send fruit flavored Candy Canes to each other with a festive tag attached stating who it is to and from on December 5th thru December 19th. It is easy to do. Send in your forms (additional forms can be found in the main office) along with \$1.00 per Candy Cane Ordered!! All Candy Cane-O-Grams will be delivered to students and staff on December 22nd! All proceeds will go directly into our Helping Hands Account to assist members of our LAS Family as necessary.

Chair: Cindy Nudelman at 908-497-1326

### Box Tops for Education

We have our **FIRST CLASS WINNER** in the Great Box Top Race. Here are our numbers:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Gorman	234
Murphy	257
Normann	308
Widdows	175
Curti	325
Kornmeyer	231
Sickles	417
Baer	117
Ferguson	334
Johnson	38
Marcin	312
NO NAME	782

We've collected 3532 Box Tops. That's \$353.20!

To honor our winner of the First Marking Period... Mrs. Sickles' class will be getting their first party!

Please remember to put your class (teacher and grade) on EACH BAG YOU SEND IN!! No Name is in the lead!! Who will be the first to reach 1000 for a popsicle party? Keep saving! Remember... you have to be in it to win it!

The PTA would like to thank Mrs. Doris Taber from the Sunny Acres Civic Association for donating Labels for Education and Box Tops to LAS!

Terri Hecht and Amy Lamberts - LAS Box Top Coordinators

### Kids' Voting Results

On November 15<sup>th</sup> LAS students experienced voting in a real voting booth. They had to read the ballot & cast a vote for their favorite playground activity. Choices included were basketball, soccer, playing on playground equipment, tag and wall ball/kickball.

Soccer won by a landslide!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Students will receive 15 minutes soccer play time later this month, weather permitting.



## PTA Used Book Sale

The **final day** of the PTA Used Book Sale collection will be on Friday, 12/2.

Please support the LAS library with your used books. Money raised, can help the PTA purchase new books for our library.

The Used Book Sale will be held after school on Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2:50-3:30 PM. Mrs. McCloskey invites parents to stop in to shop with their children

Happy Holidays!  
Joan Zanfardino, Chairperson

## CLASSROOM LIBRARIES AT LAS WELCOME YOUR DONATIONS

We have expanded our reading program in our classrooms to include an increased independent reading component to strengthen fluency and comprehension. Students have identified reading levels (letters) and are reading books at or below their ability level.

## Around Town...

### 2011 Jaycee's Annual Children's Holiday Party

When: Saturday, 12/3  
Where: Cranford Community Center  
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Come meet and take a picture with Santa Claus. Lots of FUN for all!  
Sponsored by The Cranford Jaycees

### Cranford Baseball/Softball League Poinsettia Sale

When: Friday, 12/2, All day  
Where: Cranford Centennial Pool

Every year the Cranford Baseball and Softball League (CBSL) holds an annual Poinsettia Sale fund raiser. All of the proceeds go to the CBSL and is used to defray the costs of uniforms, equipment, insurance, fields, etc.

### Christmas Decoration Give-A-Way

When: 12/10 between  
Where: St. Michael School Auditorium  
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

If you are a family affected by Hurricane Irene and are in need of Christmas Decorations, please stop by.

## Thank you...

- \* Thank you to **Joyce Matysek** our Bake Sale Chairperson and all your bakers and helpers for making this year's Bake Sale a huge success!! We truly appreciate all your time and efforts, Joyce.
- \* Thanks to our Basket Raffle Chairs, **Maria Baumann** and **Amy Burns** for creating such an awesome "Fall" basket from the donations provided by our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Congratulations to **Maggie Garcia**, a LAS 3rd grader for winning the basket...
- \* A big Thank You to **Julie Otani**, who chaired Children's Voting! All of our students enjoyed using real voting machines to vote for their favorite recess activity. Soccer won the vote and our children will have the opportunity to get some extra fresh air one day soon, while they are treated to 15 minutes of extra outside time to play soccer.
- \* Thanks to **Dianne Hall**, Reflections Chairperson for all the time, energy and encouragement you gave our children who participated in the Reflections Contest.
- \* Jen Hunt and her pretzel Sale Committee held a very successful Pretzel Sale on November 23rd - Thanks Jen and Committee!