



# PTA FUND?

The Leader in Me Program

Garden Days

Teacher luncheons

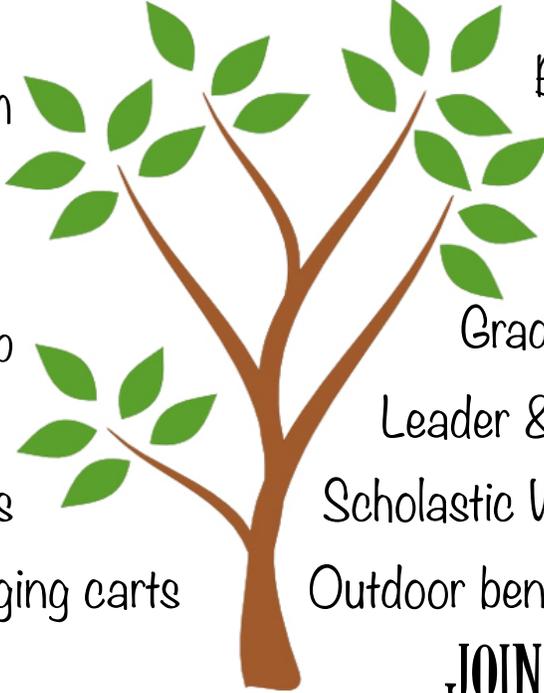
Brain Pop

School Assemblies

Teacher Appreciation gifts

Grade level laptops & charging carts

## HELP US GROW!



Birthday Books

School improvements

Field Day

Grade level programs

Leader & Staff Training

Scholastic Works literary magazines

Outdoor benches & tables

## JOIN THE LSE PTA!

## MYTH BUSTERS

*Myth: The PTA is just for stay-at-home moms.*

**Fact:** The PTA is for everyone! Our volunteers are mothers, fathers and those who fill those roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home and kids in school; and more.

*Myth: Volunteering for the PTA takes too much time.*

**Fact:** Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated.

*Myth: I'll get roped into volunteering if I attend a PTA meeting.*

**Fact:** There will be opportunities to get involved, but no pressure! Just pass by the signup sheets if you are unable to participate. You will not be sucked in to a black hole of volunteering!

*Myth: PTA volunteers need to be at the school during the day.*

**Fact:** Much of the PTA work can be done from home on your own schedule. Yes, there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so choose what works best for you.

*Myth: My child's life will be the same whether or not I join the PTA.*

**Fact:** Not only does membership put you in direct communication with other parents and teachers, it shows your child that you are interested and invested in their educational experience.

*Myth: I have an idea but the PTA isn't interested.*

**Fact:** Each year, the PTA brings back favorites and tries new activities, fundraisers and events. These ideas come from members and volunteers. New ideas are always welcome and we look forward to hearing them!

*Myth: The PTA has all the help they need.*

**Fact:** The PTA always wants and always needs volunteers! If you choose to volunteer, you decide your time commitment.

## REASONS TO GET INVOLVED

### **IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN!**

- You are your children's most important role model. Showing your children you value their education will teach them to value it as well.
- Research has shown that children whose parents are involved in their school get better results and have fewer disciplinary problems.

### **IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!**

- At PTA meetings you can have your say. You can raise concerns, suggest ideas and input into how funds are spent
- You will meet like-minded people and make new friends. It's not all hard work; there is a social side too
- Whether you want to organize an event or simply help out on the day, you can utilize your existing skills & hobbies, and most likely acquire some new ones too
- And most importantly, you will be in the know! You will find out what's going on in school and get to know members of staff better.

### **IT'S GOOD FOR THE SCHOOL**

- Schools are becoming more and more dependent on PTA's for fundraising revenue to supplement the school budgets.
- You will play an important role in helping the school to acquire key resources as well as reward the children with some well earned treats.