

Lake Travis Elementary PTA

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From Our President

October was a great month for the LTE PTA! Thank you to all who donated to the Texas PTA "Fill the Backpack" initiative. We proudly gave over \$1,200 to help support Texas Schools affected by Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for your generosity! Also in October, our 4th & 5th Graders gave us an awesome performance at our first General Meeting of the year, we had a record turn-out of Dads for our "Donuts with Dads", we held a fun Spirit Night at Hat Creek, ran two busy School Stores, and we provided delicious Halloween Treats to our Teachers! Thank you to the parents and teachers who donated their time and energy to make all these events happen! We invite everyone to **our next**

General Meeting, on **November 14 at 6:00pm**, in the LTE Cafeteria. Our 2nd & 3rd Graders will sing, and we can't wait to see them perform!

Joanna Hess, President, jrhess1@sbcglobal.net

Mini Grants

We granted over **\$17,000** worth of mini-grants to LTE! The mini-grants are for **Technology**: Reflex Math campus-wide site license, ESGI progress monitoring tool; **Instruction**: Base 10 blocks for math, SPIRE magnetic boards with letters, STAAR Reading intervention booklets, two novel sets per student for 5th grade unit studies, supplemental centers materials for math, science, and social studies, 3D geometric shapes tub, floor number line; **Environment - Flexible Seating**: Hokki Stools, privacy partitions, Comfy Floor seats, Ergo seats, fidget foot rests, storage bins, convertible benches, scoop rocker! These mini-grants would not be possible without you! These funds come from sources such as PTA membership, Carnival, and School Store.

Healthy Squires Week

PTA is very excited to announce, "Healthy Squires" week. This week, November 6-10, we want to encourage our students to develop healthy habits by choosing to eat healthy, exercise daily, get plenty of rest, and brush their teeth twice a day. We are happy to partner with local mindfulness and yoga instructors this week to teach our students exercises to help with focus and body awareness. For even more fun, have your child bring in a drawing or photo of your family preparing and sharing a healthy meal together so that it can be displayed on our "My Family Eats Healthy" board at school. Your child can also earn special stickers this week by bringing healthy snacks to school every day, and most exciting of all, they will get a special Spirit Stick if they complete the "Healthy Squires" yellow homework page. We hope that your child will choose to meet our Healthy Challenges this week!

Romy Sanders, Health and Welfare Chair, Romysanders@sbcglobal.net

Get Involved!

There are many opportunities this month to get involved! Visit lte.my-pta.org and go to the "Volunteer" tab to view events where we need your help, such as Book Fair, School Store and Teacher's Luncheon. Note: Don't forget to log your volunteer hours. Our school gets additional funding based on your hours! Go to the "Volunteer" tab on our website to log.

Katie Brisendine, Volunteer Coordinator, ktbris1526@gmail.com

Donuts with Dads- Over 400 Dads!

No one can say that Lake Travis Elementary doesn't have parental involvement! We had more than 400 Dads come to the event. We are working to reorganize the event for next year to accommodate our incredible participation. Thank you for coming, and we hope you had fun!

LeAnna Hart, Programs Chair, leanna1979@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- 11/1 - 11/3 Track & Field
- 11/3 - 4th Grade Field Trip
- 11/10- Veteran's Day Celebration
- 11/10 - School Store
- 11/13 - 11/16 Book Fair
- 11/14 - PTA General Meeting & Spirit Night at Mangieri's
- 11/15 - School Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/16- Teacher November Luncheon
- 11/17- November Birthday Celebrations
- 11/20 - 11/24 Thanksgiving Break

Volunteer of the Month

Mayra Estrada- Mayra is always giving a helping hand. She takes on the responsibility of Tuesday folders not only for her class, but for other classes that need help. She also puts in many hours at special events, such as Carnival where she helped with class baskets and decorations. She is always there to help and always has a kind smile.

Staff of the Month

Erica Schmidt- Erica Schmidt has been a pioneer in leading the school to develop flexible seating for the students and has introduced our school to Reflex Math. She's always researching creative ways to keep her students engaged and motivated, and her class is always having fun!