



# LEESVILLE

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

*The mission of the LES PTA is to enrich the educational experience of LES students through inspired parental involvement, increased staff resources and positive community participation.*

## Programs, Events & Services

that benefit our children, families, teachers and staff

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### **Cultural Arts Programs (year round)**

Every year, a PTA parent attends the Cultural Arts Fair in late summer to review and choose enrichment opportunities for our students for the upcoming school year. These performances will be scheduled for appropriate grade levels throughout the year.

### **Book Fairs (Winter and Spring)**

Each year, the PTA hosts one or two Book Fairs in our Library to allow our families to shop for their favorite titles and raise money for library books. Students and families can shop during specific times of the day, which will be communicated prior to the book fair.

### **Cubs Closet (year round)**

Cubs Closet houses new and gently used children's clothing and shoes, for staff to share with children in need at LES. Donations are always welcome.

### **Pride Pack Program (year round)**

This program provides bags of food for children in food insecure homes, mainly of families that are experiencing financial hardships. A bag is sent home each Friday filled with non-perishable food for the weekend, for children participating in this program.

### **Parent Workshops (year round)**

In partnership with the school, the PTA may sponsor parent workshops each year to engage parents in topics that are relevant to parents/guardians of elementary age students. Topics, as well as the dates and times, will be announced as they are determined each year.

### **Spirit Week & Story Time (Fall)**

Fun activities and events are planned every Fall to celebrate our school spirit, and embrace literacy. More specific information will be communicated closer to the events.

### **Art to Remember (Spring)**

Art to Remember is an art fundraising company that has been creating pieces with your child's artwork and helping schools raise funds for over 20 years. Your child's artwork can be transferred to a variety of keepsake items that are ideal for holiday gifts, parent/grandparent gifts, end of year teacher gifts, or as a way of capturing memories.

**Field Day (Spring)**

In the Spring, the PTA sponsors a Field Day for the children at LES, to emphasize the importance of physical activity, exercise, and having fun! Field Day activities range from tug of war, water activities, and inflatable slides.

**Ready to Roar (year round)**

Our Ready to Roar program started out as a way to engage incoming Kindergarten families, through the summer picnic for rising K students and families, and the Kindergarten story night, where rising K students can wear their pajamas to school and listen to stories read by the Kindergarten staff. This program is being expanded to support all incoming families into LES, to help families acclimate to a new school.

**Family Picnic (Fall)**

A Family Picnic is held each Fall to welcome families to another school year. The event hosts a range of activities and fun including food trucks, face painters, bounce houses, and more.

**Carnival (Spring)**

Families will be able to enjoy a Spring Carnival in conjunction with the Silent Auction. There will be food, music & carnival games, including face painting, plinko, and many more.

**Staff Treats & Early Release Lunches (monthly)**

Each month, the PTA will spoil our wonderful staff with various treats and early release lunches, provided in the Library or the teacher lounge.

**Staff Appreciation Week (Spring)**

In conjunction with National Staff Appreciation Week, LES also takes this opportunity to thank the wonderful faculty and staff we have, through tokens of appreciation and special food treats throughout Staff Appreciation Week. Each year, there will be a specific theme and various activities to help show how much we appreciate what the teachers and staff do for our children.

**Volunteer Celebration & Social (Spring)**

In the Spring, the PTA sponsors an evening adult event to celebrate all of our wonderful volunteers, and to spend social time together. Look for more information in the Spring.

# Fundraisers

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Money raised through our fundraisers support our teachers, parents and students, and all of the programs sponsored by the PTA. Areas of support include:

- **Teacher support:** Professional Development, Mini-Grants, Hospitality / Teacher & Staff Appreciation, and classroom supplies
- **Parent/Student support:** Cultural Arts, Family Picnic, Field Day, Pride Pack, Parent Workshops, Cubs Closet, School Wide Technology and other support
- **PTA Operations:** Operational costs, communications, and PTA development

## **Company Fundraisers (year round)**

**AmazonSmile-** When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com>, and select the LES PTA as your charitable organization, Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to the PTA. Note that the official name on Amazon is “PTA North Carolina Congress Leesville Road Elementary School”.

**Harris Teeter-** Through the Together in Education program, the LES PTA receives a donation based on purchases of Harris Teeter brand products. To link your card, visit the customer service desk at any Harris Teeter, or go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>. You must re-link your card every August. **Our ID number is 4321.**

**Lowe's Foods-** Through the Cart to Class program, the LES PTA receives a percentage of all Lowe's Foods private food labels that are purchased. Visit <carttoclass.lowesfoods.com> to sign up, or visit the touch screen computer at the customer service desk to link your Fresh Rewards card. You may choose up to 3 schools to link per Fresh Rewards card.

**Publix-** Invite friends and family to create a Publix account and select Leesville Road Elementary School as your Publix Partner. Start at <Publix.com>. It's easy!

**Box Tops for Education (year round)** Box Tops for Education is a great way to raise money for Leesville, without a large time commitment. Every 10 cents counts! Clip along the dotted line from General Mills products and send them into school in a ziplock bag, with the teacher name and grade. Ask family members and work colleagues to help you collect them.

## **LES Spirit Store (throughout the year)**

The LES Spirit Store is open at various events throughout the year, selling t-shirts, plush lions, car magnets, and other items. The Spirit Store is an ongoing fundraiser for our school, and a great way to show your support of LES!

## **GoPlaySave Coupon Books (Fall)**

GoPlaySave coupon books are a great way to raise money for LES, while getting great deals at the same time. GoPlaySave coupon books offer savings for local businesses, including popular restaurants, family activities, and local sports teams.

## **Giving Campaign (Fall)**

The Giving Campaign is a no-fuss fundraiser for our families, to raise funds for all of the programs and activities that the PTA sponsors for LES, as well as any special projects going on that school year. Information is sent home with all students each Fall.

**Silent Auction (Winter/Spring)**

Each year, the LES PTA sponsors a Silent Auction in conjunction with a Carnival. We partner with local and regional businesses to bring great products, services and one of a kind experiences to LES families.

These programs, events and fundraisers are subject to change from year to year. To learn more or get involved, contact a PTA Board Member, visit [lespta.com](http://lespta.com), or email us at [info@lespta.com](mailto:info@lespta.com).

To receive weekly email communications from the PTA and stay informed about school and PTA events, visit [lespta.com](http://lespta.com) and register with MemberHub.