

# Tiger Tracks

## The Lincoln Akerman School PTO Newsletter



### June 2010



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#### Bon Voyage Mrs. Deshaies!



We wish to bid a special good bye and good luck to Principal Judy Deshaies. Thank you so very much for your years of attendance at PTO meetings and events; for your ongoing support, wisdom, advice and guidance with respect to PTO activities over the years; for the hundreds of welcome letters and valentines you wrote our children over the years; for the numerous plays, concerts, and other occasions you have celebrated with our families; and your overall commitment and caring towards the education of our children and stewardship of our school.

We wish you all the best in your retirement and future endeavors!



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#### Note from PTO Presidents



Unbelievably, we are in the final weeks of the 2009-2010 school year! It has been a busy spring and the coming weeks look to be filled with activity as well – be sure to mark your calendars!

Thank you to Carol Sanborn of the Hampton Falls Free Library for attending our May PTO meeting and introducing us to all the reading and activity based fun the Library has planned for the community over the summer. Be sure to stop into the HFFL or check out their website [www.hamptonfallslibrary.org](http://www.hamptonfallslibrary.org) for a full schedule. Everyone, of all ages is welcome to participate!

A tremendous thank you goes out to Becca Carlson and Tiffany Wasson for their tireless work over the past few months in preparation for another successful Blossom Run. We hosted even more attendees this year than last and if Mother Nature would cooperate some year, who knows what might happen?!?! Becca, Tiffany and Volunteers - Outstanding Job!

Staff Appreciation Week was a huge hit – from Monday morning's door to door coffee delivery to Friday afternoon's ice cream truck treats – Laurie Dawe and Jill Munir coordinated a great week of fun and treats as a gesture of our great appreciation for all that the LAS Staff does for our children and community.

Thank you to Candy Albert, Alisha Roberts and Barbara Dykeman and her staff for an amazing Grandparent's Luncheon – a great time and delicious meal enjoyed by all!

Ellen Christo, Jill Munir and Shelley Parish hosted a wonderful welcome for our incoming principal, Mark Deblois and his wife Rachel drove down from their home in Maine to spend a few hours meeting the families of LAS and enjoying lemonade and goodies. Thank you!

Candy Albert and Jeanine Werchniak coordinated another great afternoon of mini-golf for LAS Mothers and Sons! Thank you for putting together a great afternoon of competition and camaraderie!

Field Day is coming up, Thursday, June 10 and Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Dykeman need volunteer help to make it a success! If you can spare a few hours in the morning, the middle of the day and/ or the afternoon to assist with activities, face painting or serving lunch – please contact Wendy at [wwelch@sau21.org](mailto:wwelch@sau21.org) or Barb at [bdykeman@sau21.org](mailto:bdykeman@sau21.org).

As we look toward next year – we have many event and program coordinators in place, but have some spots where we are looking for help. Please check out the Volunteer Section below to see where you may be able to contribute and to know who to thank for their continued dedication.

*We have enjoyed a wonderful year heading the LAS –PTO! We have a great community and a dedicated group of families and teachers who contribute to the success of our school and organization! We appreciate all that the many volunteers have done to make PTO activities enriching, successful and enjoyable! Have a fabulous and safe summer!*

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## Save the Date



**Hampton Falls School Board** – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 3 at 6 pm at Lincoln Akerman School.

**Retirement Party** – Join the LAS Community on Sunday, June 6 from 2-4 pm in the LAS Art Room as we celebrate the retirement of Maureen O’Donnell who has served multiple generations of Hampton Falls children as a speech pathologist at LAS.

**PTO Meeting** – Takes place on Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. in the LAS Art Room. All LAS parents, teachers and staff are encouraged to attend. (Note: The LAS PTO meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.)

**Field Day** – June 10 is Field Day at LAS. Plan to join the students and staff for some outdoor fun and Mrs. Dykeman’s BBQ lunch. Volunteers are needed to help guide activities and serve lunch, contact Wendy Welch at [wwelch@sau21.org](mailto:wwelch@sau21.org) and Barb Dykeman at [bdykeman@sau21.org](mailto:bdykeman@sau21.org) to help.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dance** – Friday, June 11 at 7pm.

**Sports Banquet** – The LAS Middle School Sports Banquet takes place on June 15 at 6 pm.

**Awards Assembly** – Monday, June 21 at 8:45 am.

**LAS Graduation** – Monday, June 21 at 7:30 pm.



## Ongoing Ways to Support PTO Initiatives



Raise money for LAS simply shopping for items and at places your family uses everyday:

**Stop & Shop** – A+ Bonus Bucks Program. Register your Stop & Shop card at [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) and designate LAS (School ID #05263) as your choice school. Note: cards must be re-registered each year for LAS to receive credits.

**Target** – 1% of Target and Target.com purchases made on the Target Red Card or Target Visa benefit the LAS PTO and ½ % of purchases made elsewhere. Call 800-316-6142 or go to [www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com) to register your card – LAS School ID #71908 – cards must be registered with LAS as the designated recipient to participate.

**Box Tops for Education** – Keep them coming!

**QSP** - [www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com) – Magazine and Wall Street Journal subscriptions - 40% of purchase price is donated back to the PTO – new and renewal subscriptions qualify. LAS ID#425007138.

**Note** - For those families who may wish to support the LAS PTO and our activities and programs, but do not wish to purchase products; please be aware that the LAS PTO is a 501(c) organization and donations are tax deductible. A receipt with our Tax ID# can be furnished for your records.



## What’s Happening with PTO?



If you have attended or been part of any school or PTO related events – please share your experiences and photos with Tami or Jill and we will work to include them in upcoming newsletters, the website, and/ or share them with the Hampton Union for publication. None of us can be everywhere, but together we can share the collective experiences of our community.

The PTO was proud to contribute support toward the LAS Destination Imagination team’s participation in DI Global Finals last month. Five fourth grade students traveled to Knoxville, TN to compete with teams from around the world.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class trip to the Currier Art Museum was a hit with students and chaperones alike. The PTO was happy to contribute towards the students’ participation in the field trip made in conjunction with their integrated art and writing Artist Project.

On Thursday, June 3, Mike Francis will present Galileo to the Grade 5 through 8 middle school students, and then work further with the Grade 7 & 8 students in the science lab.



## Make a Difference – Volunteer

The LAS PTO is an organization run entirely through volunteer efforts. We can accomplish as much as we can dream with the help of volunteers. Plan to volunteer and bring our dreams to fruition, take the opportunity to enrich our students' educational experiences!

### Event/ Activity

### Chairpersons

Blossom Run.....	Becca Carlson and Tiffany Wasson
Family Game Night.....	Mary and JP Pontbriand
Father/ Daughter Dance.....	Stacey Delbridge and Stacey Hughes
Fundraising Committee .....	Liz Blankenship and Jill Munir
Genevieve Fundraiser.....	Donna Makechnie
Grandparents Luncheon.....	Candy Albert and Alisha Roberts
Halloween Party.....	Joanne Hanson and Leigh Wilber
Holiday Caroling.....	Whitney Nowak
Holiday Giving Tree.....	Gina Elbeery and Danielle Tucker
Honor Roll Breakfast.....	Jenn Riley and Danielle Tucker
Ice Cream Social.....	Gina Elbeery, Renee Fisher and Whitney Nowak
PTO Newsletter .....	Sheila Tanguay
QSP Magazine Fundraiser.....	Sheila Tanguay
Scholastic Book Fair.....	Christine Nelson
Student Directory.....	Jill Thompson-Stetz
Technology.....	Bruce Crochetiere
Volunteer Coordinator.....	Leigh Wilber
Wreath Sale Fundraiser.....	Jill Munir

### Event/ Activity

### Co – Chairs Needed:

Enrichment.....	Deborah Regan (Needs a Co-Chair)
Mother/ Son Golf.....	Jeanine Werchniak (Needs a Co-Chair)

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### Positions Open:

- Bulletin Board
- Box Tops/Store Bonus
- Middle School Sports Banquet
- Newspaper Liaison
- Nominating Committee for the 2011-2012 school year PTO Officers
- Retirement Committee
- School wide Dance
- Staff Appreciation Week

**Get Involved** – Lend a hand, or an idea where and when you can – come to PTO meetings, if you can't attend share your ideas with people who are, be a part of generating new ideas and/ or new ways of doing what we do.

Contact Leigh Wilber at [stwilber1@netscape.net](mailto:stwilber1@netscape.net)



## Look at them Go and Grow!

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Congratulations to the 5 Alienacts who participated in the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. Fourth grade students **Tommy Baker, Alex Conti, Courtney Ingham, Julia Mayes and Leah Orzechowski** represented LAS and Team NH with pride!

Best of Luck to the **Girls on the Run!** who have been training with Mrs. Cutting and Ms. Duquette in preparation for running a 5k on Saturday, June 19th.

To the Lincoln Akerman Class of 2010 – Best of luck as you move on to high school! May you embrace the many experiences, challenges and gifts life will present you on your journey and look back on your time at LAS with fondness!



**PTO! Check It Out!** Get involved, bring a friend or neighbor, commit in a small or a big way; but in whatever way works for your family, make a contribution to enriching our children's educational experience! **Let's keep our eyes on the prize – enriching our children's education!**

Contact Sheila Tanguay at [rstanguay@comcast.net](mailto:rstanguay@comcast.net) to submit information for future newsletters.

To submit information for publication in the local newspaper or, the LAS web site, contact Tami Mallett at [tamimall@hotmail.com](mailto:tamimall@hotmail.com).