

The Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) of Little Rock Christian Academy (LRCA) is comprised of volunteer parents who desire to serve the staff, students and their families in a way that glorifies Christ. As such, the PTF should conduct itself with the vision, objectives and desires of Little Rock Christian Academy.

The PTF takes seriously the biblical admonition to be good stewards of all funds and desires to wisely invest those monies back into LRCA.

Ambassador Program

This spring the Ambassador Program got underway as new Elementary students were accepted to Little Rock Christian Academy. They were matched up with a student in their same grade. The ambassadors met with them over the summer for a get together at their house, Larry's pizza, or an ice cream place.

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders families from Little Rock Christian hosted small parties for all the girls and boys so they could meet more than just one student. This gave the students opportunities to meet a number of kids in their grade and hopefully made the transition to middle school easier on the first day of school.

The Ambassador Program hosted two parties this summer to welcome new students to LRCA. We had a Elementary Back to school build your own Sundae Party for new incoming Kindergarten families through 5th grade at the Elementary Gym. We also had a back to school Pool Party for 6th-8th graders at St. Charles neighborhood pool.

Both parties were a huge success.

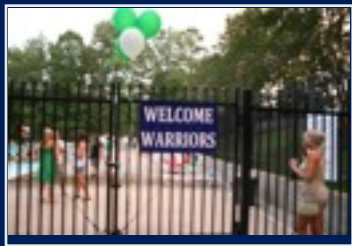


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Staff Appreciation

On August 9th, PTF hosted a lunch for our wonderful teachers and staff! We wanted to start the new school year off letting them know how much we appreciate them. The food was wonderful and the fellowship great. Thank you RX Catering for helping with the food. Also, many thanks to Bev Hall, staff appreciation chair, for her dedication and service and to all those that helped Bev make it so grand!!!!





PTF President Message

Hello Warriors! I am Marijane Pfeiffer and I have the honor of serving as your PTF President and on behalf of the PTF, I'd like to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year. I hope it has been a smooth

transition for you and your kids so far! The kids are having a great time exploring their new classes and settling into their classroom routines. The PTF has been hard at work preparing for the new school year and we have so much to share with you.

First, you need to know that the PTF has a meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month in the Athletic building Conference room at 1:30. We are always looking for Moms or Dads who would like to be more involved and we could use any amount of help that you are willing to offer..... from 1 hour to 100 hours..... we have something for everyone! The PTF owes a tremendous "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who have already been so generous giving their time. Last year, the PTF had a very successful year raising approximately \$98,800! We then funded \$122,800 at the school for technology, awnings and a maintenance truck in addition to many other projects.

Let me tell you about what we have been doing to get this school year started.

- Ambassador Program: New Students
- Teacher & Staff Luncheon: August 9th
- School Tool Box – EL School Supplies
- Valley Foods – New Lunchroom Program

Now that you have seen what we have been up to all summer, check out the rest of the newsletter to see all the exciting events and programs that are coming up.

Lastly and most important, the PTF begs you to become a Kroger Card User! If every family & staff member used their Kroger Card for their "Gas & Groceries" we could potentially make up to \$256,000! This is free money from Kroger and we could make this truly successful if we all work TOGETHER!

Get more information on all PTF projects and events by going to the LRCA Website, click the Parent link, then the PTF link. We are here to serve you, your kids and this school. PLEASE JOIN OUR EFFORTS!

Marijane Pfeiffer
Your PTF President
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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Parents Luncheon
*August 31st

PTF Meeting
*September 12th

Grandparent's Association
"Taste and Tea"
*September 20th

PTF Meeting
*October 10th

WarriorFest
*October 15th
contact C'ella Bates or Tammy Parker

Pig Skins and Paintbrushes Auction
*October 22nd
contact Cindy Lemley



Health & Fitness Week has been moved to the Spring.

More information coming soon...

If you are interested in helping with this week please contact:
Tracie Walker traciewalker@kw.com or Tammy Jones
steljones@comcast.net.

"For God bought you with a high price so you must honor him with your body." 1 Cor 6:20

School Tool Box is a Huge Success!!!!



We had over 300 School Tool Boxes waiting on the desks in the elementary when the doors opened for Meet the Teacher Day, August 16! The response was an overwhelming THANK YOU to the PTF for providing the service! We want to say THANK YOU to those who participated and made our first year so successful! We are excited about doing this again and hope to include the Middle School for the 2011-12 school year!



WARRIOR



PigSkins & Paintbrushes

2011

Saturday, October 15th 10:00

LRCA Campus

Enjoy live entertainment, a talent showcase, ultimate Frisbee, face painting, a Wii dance off competition, climbing wall, pony rides, lots of fun inflatable's, laser tag, and " Ford drive one for the school". Be sure to come and represent your class, we will reward the class that has the most participation. Also, do not forget to get your t-shirt and raffle tickets. Last year's 50/50 Raffle gave over \$1,000.

Raffles

50/50 Cash Raffle (PTF Starts the Raffle with \$500)
Buy 1 Chance for \$5 or 5 Chances for \$20

Kroger Gift Card Raffle
2 Winners - \$250.00 Each!
Buy 1 Chance for \$5 or 5 Chances for \$20

iPad2 64GB Value: \$699
Buy 1 Chance for \$5 or 5 Chances for \$20

Please join us for outstanding food, great Fellowship, creative and exciting auction items and childcare is provided. This years entertainment is the local band **Canvas**.

In the past, the Auction has been PTF's most profitable fundraiser. PTF gives these funds back to LRCA for special requests. Auction ticket are \$25 and can be purchased at various LRCA events or contact Sharon Anderson sharon.anderson@ibclr.org.



Auction Items include

- *Original artwork by students and local artists
- *Adult Parties * Week-end Getaways
- * Spa Packages
- *Children Parties * Spa Packages * Jewelry
- * Home and Holiday Decor....And much more

For more information about the auction contact Cindy Lemley at cynthialemlley@aol.com



As your Head of School, I welcome you to our 34th year of pursuing our distinctive mission to the glory of God. We are here to serve; we are here to educate; we are here to instill a Christ-centered worldview in the mind and heart of your child.

When you enter our campus from the south gates, lift your eyes to see our fresh banners proclaiming the theme of this school year accented with the graphic of a flourishing, stately oak tree.



"Rise up and stand firm!" (Psalm 20:8)
"Deeper, stronger, higher."

Indebted to those who pioneered this school, we irrigate our roots to push deeper. Each year of educational refinement and every capital enhancement causes the expanding trunk of our maturing oak to grow even stronger. And, by God's grace, our heart and determination for an excellent education anchored in Jesus Christ pushes the crown of our tree higher and, ultimately, bears a sweeter fruit.

Thanks to PTF, our capacity to equip our strong cadre of teachers with the right resources has never been greater – especially in regards to technology. Grateful for our advance in the classroom (e.g., smart-boards), we have more to learn. By visiting other schools that are experiencing success in digital learning, combined with the productive energy of PTF, we will achieve our goal: to be a 21st century school of distinction. **I urge you to give your all to PTF because PTF is giving their all to Little Rock Christian Academy and, thereby, your children!**

Our mission statement is clear. In the power of the cross, it is our unending goal to be a preeminent K⁴-12 academic institution and to partner with you and your church in shaping a Christ-centered, biblical mindset in the lives of your children.

I will never tire of holding up my hands in the shape of His golden triangle: your home, your church and your school working together to raise up warriors for Christ, fully prepared for the rigors of college and life.

Join us in prayer and partnership to make our 34th year our best year of learning and loving yet. Again, I urge you to give your all to PTF because PTF is giving their all to Little Rock Christian Academy and, thereby, your children!

Gary B. Arnold, Ed. D.
Head of School

The PTF has agreed to spend \$35,000 over the next two years to bring Valley Foods to the school and we really need our Students and Staff to try all the new, tastier and healthier choices. Check out LRCA Website, Parents Section to get more information.

Please share comments/concerns:
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The image shows the Valley Education Services logo with the tagline "Bringing Fresh Ideas to the Table". Below the logo are three photographs: the first shows a group of diverse young children sitting at a table; the second shows a student in a green shirt working at a table with various items; the third shows a young woman in a white shirt holding a blue tray with food.



FREE MONEY for LRCA From KROGER!

Yes,! We said free money! Do you buy groceries and gas? Of course you do! Then you can earn LRCA free money by shopping at Kroger and using an LRCA Kroger gift card. It is that easy! Each month, Kroger will write a check to LRCA for 5% of every dollar spent at Kroger using an LRCA Kroger gift card.



Our goal is to have 100% of our LRCA families using at least one Kroger Card! If each family at LRCA spends \$500 a month with their LRCA gift card on groceries or gas at Kroger, we would receive **\$256,000 FREE MONEY** from Kroger every year! Can you think of an easier way to support your school and be a good steward of your efforts and time?!

Every dollar we raise this year with Kroger gift cards will be spent on **TECHNOLOGY** benefiting all of our children! Let's each do our small part and we will see God bless our school in a big way!

Load your Kroger Card - It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Shop for Groceries



2. Load your Kroger Gift Card BEFORE Checkout (You can also load at gas cashier)



3. Checkout and Pay with your LRCA Kroger Gift Card



Buy all your GAS & GROCERIES at Kroger and LRCA gets 5%! All Kroger income for this school year will go toward Technology in the Elementary, Middle & High Schools! If we all work together, we could raise up to: **\$256,000!!!!!!!**

Remember



(Groceries)

PLUS



(Gas)

EQUALS



(5% TO LRCA)

To Get your Kroger Card Today Contact Kristi Fuller at kristilakefuller@aol.com.



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For more information contact Kristi Fuller kristilakefuller@aol.com



Box Top Rebate Program

It's time to clip those box tops! Collect and earn money for our school. *Cut box tops and bundle in baggies of 50 boxtops per bag. * When you have collected 50 Box Tops, put your child's name and teacher on the baggie * Send the baggie to school with your child.

For More Information contact Kristi Fuller kristilakefuller@aol.com.

The PTF is proud to sponsor the Warrior Grandparents Association

The Grandparent Association will provide a way for the grandparents to actively support their grandchild at LRCA, meet other grandparents and become better informed about the programs and activities at LRCA.

Please let grandparents of your children know about this exciting new group at LRCA. Dates for meeting times will be posted soon.

For more information contact: Georgia Johnston georgia@thetherapyzoneinc.com.

Get To Know Some of Our New Faces around Campus

Name: Juliana Reynolds

Grade: 3rd

How long have you been teaching? I graduated in December of 2010 and taught for a semester before coming to LRCA.

What was your favorite subject in school? I love literacy. Reading and writing are two of my favorite things to do.

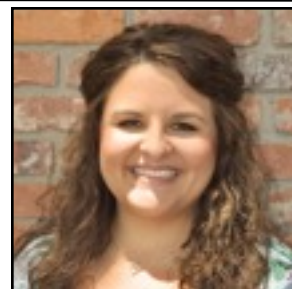
What do you do in your free time? I love to read in my free time as well as spend time with my husband and family. Anything I can do to make a good memory!!

What is your favorite place to be and why? I love to be at the beach. I look forward to my week of rest and relaxation every year. The ocean is one of God's creations that amazes the most. It reminds me of how big our God is, but also how His work is perfect.

Do you have children? I do not have any children. I do have two dogs that are my babies.; Zoe is a Chocolate Lab and Charlie is a Shorkie.

Favorite Holiday? Christmas. I love the biblical context of this holiday, but I also love the excitement that builds around this time of year. There is a spirit that is very evident and it is a wonderful time that is spent with family and friends.

Something many people don't know about you? I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, but I went through a long period where I thought I would be a Sideline Sports Broadcaster! I LOVE watching football and I am a hardcore Razorback fan! There was even a time in my life where I was quite disappointed that football was not a girl's sport!



Name: Brandy Reese

Grade: 1st

How long have you been teaching? This is my 1st year!

What was your favorite subject in school? Science

What do you do in your free time? I do anything outside. I especially love to hike.

What is your favorite place to be and why? Traveling with my husband

Do you have children? No

Favorite Holiday? Easter is my favorite holiday. I was baptized on Easter and Jesus Is Alive!!!

Something many people don't know about you? I am originally from Illinois.



Name: Liz Van Erem

Grade: 7th and 9th grade Biblical Worldview

How long have you been teaching? First Year

What was your favorite subject in school? English/ Literature

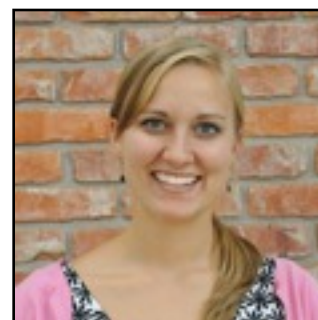
What do you do in your free time? Volleyball, Read, Go to the Farmer's Market

What is your favorite place to be and why? At a coffee shop because I like the atmosphere

Do you have children? No

Favorite Holiday? Christmas, I love being with my family and the snow! (I'm from Wisconsin)

Something many people don't know about you? I used to play viola in my High School Orchestra.



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in men. - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6