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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Lovejoy Preschool Association, Inc. (LPA) is an organization for parents with infant, preschool and kindergarten children in the Lovejoy Independent School District. The LPA will encourage and enhance the intellectual, social, and emotional development of these children by providing parent education, social opportunities and fundraising support for the Lovejoy Independent School District.

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Gift of Décor

A big thank you to Erin Polonet for coming and giving us some wonderful tips for our homes. It was great learning about certain space tips, and seeing the remarkable design projects she has been involved in. Thank you Cheraina for giving us some great floral design tips and showing us step by step how to make an amazing design. Thank you Cynthia Brugee for taking time out of your busy schedule and coming to speak about LoveJoy real estate. What a fun meeting on adding that little flair, to your home.

* LPA Board of Directors:

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LPA General Meetings

Mark your calendars! Our monthly general meetings will usually take place on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. They will take place at Creekwood UMC and lunch will be provided. Each month we will have a theme that we will plan activities and speakers around. We have some great speakers lined up with interesting and informative topics. Sometimes the meetings revolve around serious topics with helpful advice, while others are filled with fashion tips and fun! Just like last year, childcare is available with reservations. Please contact us at lovejoypreschoolassociation@gmail.com with the names and ages of children needing care during our meetings. Cost of childcare is \$35.00 per year per family.

December's Meeting—

This month we will discuss strategies to successfully manage the unexplained stresses of parenting... Cynthia Garrison, MS, CFLE, CAMS Certified Family Life Educator CG Resources will present "I Never Planned To Yell So Much: Effective Discipline Strategies". Do you find yourself yelling at your family more than you thought you ever would? The challenges and stresses of parenting often come as a surprise and we find ourselves reacting in ways we never anticipated. Please join us December 16th.

Upcoming LPA Events

December 7 th	11:00 a.m.	Toys for Tots-Lucas Firehouse
December 8 th	11:00 a.m.	Lunch Brunch (Patrizio's in Fairview)
December 11th	7:00 p.m.	Couple's Party
December 16th	11:30 a.m.	General Meeting (Creekwood Church)
December 19th	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
December 20th	10:00 a.m.	Cookie Decorating/Ornament Exchange

Shape It Fitness
Cardio, Strength, Balance
Boot Camp for Women
12 classes for \$199.00

Restore the Core
Mat-Based Pilates
No Cardio. No Impact. All Core.

Dr Sears L.E.A.N.
Give your child the Nutrition Advantage

All programs @ Creekwood United Church
Contact Cindy Keil 972-795-7590.

DO YOU NEED A DATE NIGHT:

Then join us for the Couple's Holiday Party on December 11th, 7p.m. @ Eldorado Country Club.

Childcare Available

Remember ad's for the Lovejoy Directory. Starting @ \$25 each, this is a great way to promote a business. If you refer a business to us that places an ad, you'll get entered into our meeting raffle for FREE!!! See Crystal Seib.

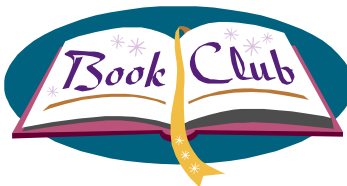
Small Hands with Big Hearts

The small hands of LPA were busy making Holiday cards @ the Potluck Playdate in November. They will be given to ACO to help bring some festive cheer to the Meals on Wheels recipients this month. Thank you everyone who helped make the collage Christmas trees-they look fabulous!

November we also signed up for the amazing program Kare-n-for cancer. LPA members will be taking a tree to a cancer patient & bring in cheer Monday December 13th. If you still want to help please contact Candace Kasian @ 214-415-9772.

If you are looking for other ways to help this holiday season, we are collecting stocking stuffers for the ACO's teens & preteens program. We will be collecting cards to stores such as Target, Walmart, Chilis, Borders, in any increments of \$5 at the Couple's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11th.

Thank you so much for helping make our community brighter in 2010!!!



Please join us for the LPA Book Club's December discussion of *Room* by Emma Donoghue. *The Room* tells the story of a young woman and her 5 year old son who are held prisoner in an 11-by-11 foot shed. They're lorded over by "Old Nick", the man who kidnapped the woman. Little Jack is their offspring, and it is in his voice that the story is told. The meeting will be held on Sunday, December 19th from 8:00pm - 10:00pm at Cheraina Dunn's home, 1625 Tokalaun Court, Lucas, TX 75002.