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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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Internet Safety

Our theme for January was 'Reading', so it was a perfect fit to have Terri Harkey, the library media specialist from Puster Elementary, as our guest speaker. Thank you so much Terri for giving us such insight on the harm of modern technology. She provided a great interactive presentation of on cyber safety and our children. Her main teaching points were communicate with your children, control access, use filters, check history, and use known Safe sites. If you missed the meeting or would like to recap Terri's filter or safe site recommendations, you can visit the library section @ Puster Elementary's website (www.pes.lovejoyisd.net) and view the entire power point presentation.

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.

February Meeting—

Join us Thursday, February 17th for our Food, Glorious Food Meeting. This month's speaker is from our local Whole Foods Market. She will be speaking to us on How to Read Labels, ANDI scores and the Benefits of a Plant Based Diet. This all goes along with our month long celebration of Food.

Upcoming LPA Events

February 5th	7:00 p.m.	Lunch Brunch
February 9th	11:00 a.m.	LPA Board Meeting
February 10th	2:30/3:30 p.m.	Whole Foods Tours
February 17th	11:30 a.m.	LPA General Meeting
February 20th	8:00 p.m.	Book Club (Tricia Meehlhause's House)

GIRLS NIGHT OUT!!!

Ok, Ladies! It is time to get ready for Denim & Diamonds, the Foundation for Lovejoy Schools biggest fundraiser. Aren't you going to need an outfit or some bling for D & D, or just for now? What better way than having our own fundraiser while shopping! The owner of Buffalo Creek Cowgirls has offered to donate a percentage of all purchases made during our GNO to LPA! So even if you're not attending D & D, let's all meet for wine & snacks and shop. They have the most unique and adorable clothing, jewelry, and BOOTS for ladies and kids! You can check them out on Facebook to see more.

HOPE TO SEE YA'LL THERE!!!

Buffalo Creek Cowgirls @the Village of Fairview

Lunch Bunch

March 2nd @ 11:30 a.m.

TBD—Evite coming soon!!!

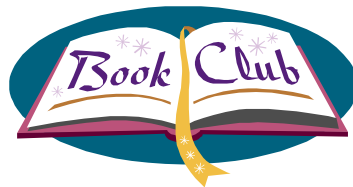
Want to Get more Involved with LPA???

We have a great opportunity to meet new friends and advise with the 2011-2012 organization and activities. If you have any questions, please contact Cheraina Dunn, the LPA president for more information. She can be reached @ 214-882-2016 or clidunn@mac.com.

Small Hands with Big Hearts

A HUGE thank you to all the LPA children who joined our special story time (we had 15 kiddos there) @ The Real Bookstore in the Village of Fairview last month. As well as coming along for a fun story hour, our preschoolers also brought along their gently-used books to donate to three local organizations. We collected over 50 books to give to the Samaritan Inn, The Hope Foundation, and Allen Public Library.

During the month of February, the LPA will be holding a food drive to support Allen Community Outreach. We will be collecting canned and packaged goods at the general meeting on Thursday, February 17th. There will also be a Children's Activity on February 10th @ 2:30 and one @ 3:30 @ Whole Foods in Fairview. They can accommodate 15 people total (that includes children & parents) per group. Please RSVP to the Evite so we know how many people to expect.



Join us, Sunday, February 20th from 8 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a discussion of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. This selection is the Lovejoy Legacy Readers latest selection. Tricia Meehlhause will be hosting at her house, 1330 Beverly Circle, Lucas, TX, 75002.