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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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Never Planned to Yell

Thank you Cynthia Garrison, for helping us go through different strategies to react differently with our children. We learned how to stare with our arms cross will effectively work as well as raising our voices. There are many challenges and stresses in parenting and she was gracious about helping us through alternative routes than yelling. As we all know nobody likes being yelled at. This can hurt a child's self esteem & make ourselves feel bad. We all need reminders about this & can use these techniques in all our relationships. The Golden Rule!!!

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.

January Meeting—

Join us January 20th as we have Terri Harkey, currently the Library Media Specialist at Puster Elementary in LoveJoy ISD. She will be talking about how to keep your kids safe as they surf the internet. From toddler to teen, there will be ideas of safe sites, checking history and great filters to protect your kids. Come with questions and concerns and we will have many answers.

Upcoming LPA Events

January 10th	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Brunch
January 12th	11:00 a.m.	LPA Board Meeting
January 20th	11:30 a.m.	General Meeting (Creekwood Church)
February 1st	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch

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.

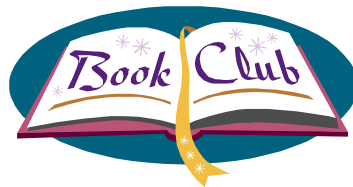
Lunch Bunch
January 10th @ 11:30 a.m.
TBD-Evite coming soon

Happy New Year to Everyone!!! Let's make this year
even fuller than last & invite more people to
become LPA members.

Small Hands with Big Hearts

December was a busy month for the LPA community outreach program: Our preschoolers enjoyed a fabulous trip to Lucas City Fire Station at the beginning of the month and donated gifts to ACO's Toy for Tots program. Several of our members joined Candace Kasian and Kare-n-for Cancer to help bring some Christmas cheer to Tiffany Barnes and her family battling cancer this holiday season. And, finally, couples attended the holiday party at Eldorado Country Club and helped to provide gift card stuffers for ACO's teen and pre-teen Christmas program. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make someone's Christmas a little brighter!

LPA's first outreach project for 2011 will involve a gently-used book collection and a children's book swap. Benefitting organizations include Allen Public Library, The HOPE Foundation in McKinney, and the Samaritan Inn. Please bring book donations along to the January general meeting. More details will follow in an Evite about the children's book swap!



Please join us next month for the February LPA book Club. This month we are not having an event for Book Club.